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Esplanade to The Kursaal, where they will be displayed on Saturday, September 2.
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GRADE EXPECTATIONS

By Michael Cox

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SOUTH ESSEX College has been rated as “good” overall by Ofsted inspectors in their latest report.

The findings follow an inspection in May and sees the college improve from a “required improvement” rating at the last full inspection in 2012.

The college has campuses in Basildon, Southend and Thurrock.

The Ofsted report recognised improvements the college has made to its provision and outcomes for students.

It highlighted that learners receive good support in acquiring new skills and knowledge through extra help available to them from



GOOD: Principal Angela O'Donoghue (centre) and college staff celebrate support staff, regular reviews of their progress and online resources.

Inspectors also found that apprentices and learners on vocational courses develop skills that prepare them well for progression to the

next steps of learning or employment.

The report also noted increasing numbers of learners who move on to higher education, and said teachers and assessors are highly qualified and

skilled in their vocational subjects.

The college was found to still “require improvement” regarding its adult learning programmes.

Inspectors concluded that teachers were “insufficiently demanding of their learners” and that there was a low number of adult learners who progressed to higher education or employment.

The college’s principal and chief executive, Angela O’Donoghue CBE, said: “This grade is a result of the hard work and dedication of our staff and students.

“The grade two (good rating) better reflects our position as the college that strives to provide a positive learning environment for our students so they can learn, grow and achieve their ambitions.”

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Police plea after teens attacked in street clash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after two teenagers were assaulted in an attempted robbery in Leigh.

An Essex Police spokesman said: "Five teenagers – three girls and two boys – were walking along Rayleigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, at about 9pm on Tuesday, July 25, when they were approached by three suspects.

"One of the group, a 17-year-old girl, was grabbed from behind

and pulled to the ground. A 17-year-old boy was pushed into oncoming traffic.

"The suspects demanded both victims hand over their mobile phones. The victims ran off. They were not hurt and nothing was stolen."

The spokesman added that detectives want to speak to any witnesses who were in the Rayleigh Road area, between the junctions of The Maze and

Nobles Green Road.

Police are also keen to trace two drivers, one who was forced to swerve out of the way, and another of a black BMW who stopped to help the victims.

Contact Southend CID on 101, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

● A MAN and two teenagers have been arrested in connection

with an incident in Leigh.

A 17-year-old boy from Brentwood and a 16-year-old girl from Bedford were arrested on suspicion of robbery.

An 18-year-old man from Edgware was arrested on suspicion of robbery and possession of class A drugs and an offensive weapon.

All three have been released under investigation while enquiries are ongoing.

Stop-and-search reveals a 14-inch blade

A TEENAGER from Southend has avoided a jail term after being caught carrying a 14-inch knife, pictured.

The boy, 15, pleaded guilty this week at Basildon Youth Court to possession of a knife in a public place.

He cannot be named as defendants in the youth court are granted anonymity.

Essex Police said the boy was



caught as part of a week-long crackdown on knife crime across the county.

Shortly before 6pm on Tuesday, July 18, police stopped and searched the boy in

Woodgrange Drive, Southend, and found the blade.

The stop and search was conducted as part of Operation Sceptre, a campaign 'to target and disrupt offenders who

carry and use knives and other bladed weapons'.

The boy was sentenced to a nine-month referral order and told to pay £85 court costs, plus a £20 victim surcharge.

DCC in gross misconduct hearing

A DEPUTY Chief Constable at Essex Police faces a gross misconduct hearing over allegations he "verbally and physically abused" colleagues.

The allegations against DCC Matthew Horne were referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) in January 2017.

The IPCC determined there was a case to answer.

DCC Horne is currently on sec-

ondment to the National Crime Agency.

The IPCC said: "Following the conclusion of the investigation in July 2017, the IPCC lead investigator's opinion is that the DCC Horne has a case to answer for gross misconduct, relating to allegations he was verbally and physically abusive towards colleagues on three different occasions.

Essex Police said: "We have no

comment on this incident before a misconduct hearing has been held.

"Misconduct hearings deal with alleged gross misconduct by police officers on or off duty. They form part of the disciplinary process and are not criminal proceedings.

"At a hearing, the facts are heard by the panel, often with the help of witnesses, to enable a finding to be made."



A CASE TO ANSWER:
DCC Matthew Horne

NEWS IN BRIEF

Street assault

● A man is in a life-threatening condition after being found with serious injuries in a Southend street.

Officers were called shortly after 1am on Sunday, August 13, to a report that a man was lying in Cheltenham Road. He was taken to Royal London Hospital.

Anyone with information can contact 101, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

● A 32-year-old woman has been arrested on suspicion of GBH and has been released under investigation.

Boy robbed

● POLICE are investigating after a teenage boy was robbed in Southend.

The incident happened in an alleyway between Kenway and East Street at around 3pm on August 11.

The boy was approached by three teenagers, before one of them pulled out a knife.

The culprits stole his phone and bag and fled towards East Street when passers-by approached.

The trio are described as being white and aged between 13 and 17. They were wearing hooded tops and bandanas covering their faces.

Police are particularly keen to speak to two people who walked by.

Anyone with information should contact Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Schools date

● RESIDENTS have been invited to discuss proposals to change catchment and admission for nine Leigh schools at 'listening and engagement' sessions.

The events are part of a two-phased consultation which began last month.

The plans address a projected over-subscription in the number of school places by 2019/20, as reported by the *YA*.

Southend Council has suggested that by September 2019, 63 children would be unable to get a place at five schools in Leigh – despite living in the catchment area.

The sessions are all at Leigh Community Centre on September 6, 7 and 12 at 1.30pm, 6pm and 9.30am respectively.

To register visit: southend.gov.uk/schoolcatchment and click on the EventBrite link, or give views by visiting: southend.gov.uk/schoolcatchmentresponse.

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TEA PARTY: Visitors at Fair Havens Hospice open day

Alice in Wonderland open day at hospice

FAIR Havens Hospice held an Alice in Wonderland-themed open day at its centre in Westcliff.

The charity, which looks after adults with life-limiting illnesses, staged the open doors event on Sunday.

The hospice opened to the public between 11am and 3pm, with visitors given the opportunity to tour the hospice and daycare facilities, enjoy a cream tea and find out more about the charity's work.

Visitors were joined in the gardens by Alice in Wonderland characters and enjoyed entertainment from various acts including singers.

Havens Hospices' chaplain John Kennet played guitar for visitors, while there were also trade and fundraising stalls.

Emily Tucker, community engagement officer at Havens Hospices, said: "We wanted to show the local community what Fair Havens Hospice does for local adults and families on a daily basis and that is 'making every day count' for everyone who come through our doors."

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New tool to help police join helpers in their search for dementia sufferers who go missing

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DEMENTIA sufferers who go missing will be found more quickly thanks to a scheme launched by Essex Police this week.

The Herbert Protocol enables carers, friends and relatives of people with dementia to fill in a form that helps authorities find loved ones quicker in the event of them going missing.

Assistant Chief Constable Andy Prophet said: "When someone goes missing it's imperative that police officers have as much information about that person as possible to help us find them."

"If that information has been gathered in

advance, it saves us precious time which can be spent looking for someone."

The Herbert Protocol is named after a war veteran who lived with dementia. The form records vital details, including medication required, mobile phone numbers, places previously located or attended, a photo, and details of daily routines.

Essex Police launched the scheme on Monday.

Officers will work

with Essex County Council, Thurrock and Southend unitary authorities and the Alzheimer's Society to encourage the completion of the form.

Cllr John Spence, cabinet member for health and adult social care at the county council, said: "Nothing is more worrying or distressing than when a loved one or friend goes missing or doesn't return home, so I empathise with those living with, or caring

for someone with dementia who sometimes go astray."

Cllr Lesley Salter, Southend Council's executive councillor for health and adult social care, said: "I am delighted to be supporting the Herbert Protocol and would encourage all carers, families, friends or neighbours to download the form and complete it to help Essex Police in the event a loved one goes missing."

Completed forms will be kept by carers and relatives in a safe place so they can be given to the authorities in the event someone goes missing.

'Nothing is more distressing than when they don't come home...'

A slice of la dolce vita



THE atmosphere, sights and smells of Italy will return to Southend next month with the popular Italian Festival.

The event, hosted by Southend BID, takes place on Saturday, September 2, and most of the action will take place in the High Street, with produce from food producers, restaurants and bars.

The event - which embraces Southend's surprisingly rich Italian food scene and heritage - includes lots of activities from 11am to 4pm, stretching from the BBC Essex stage at the top of the High Street, to an Italian Fun Day at Adventure Island on the seafront.

Activities include pizza-making workshops, live entertainment and a 'super-car catwalk' from Chalkwell to The Kursaal.

Fun for the 'bambinos'

includes pasta necklaces arts and crafts, and an Italian flag-making workshop.

Entertainment through the day on the BBC Essex stage will feature opera arias, vintage songs, swing, jive and rock 'n' roll from Hetty and the Jazzato band.

A pizza-throwing competition takes place next to the main stage and arts and crafts will be in Royal Square.

Alison Dewey, manager of Southend BID, said: "Transforming the High Street into Southend's very own 'Little Italy' is always a highlight of the year. It recreates the atmosphere of Italy when communities come together to enjoy a slice of la dolce vita."

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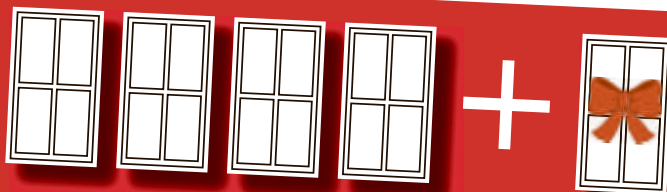
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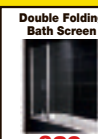


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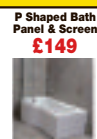
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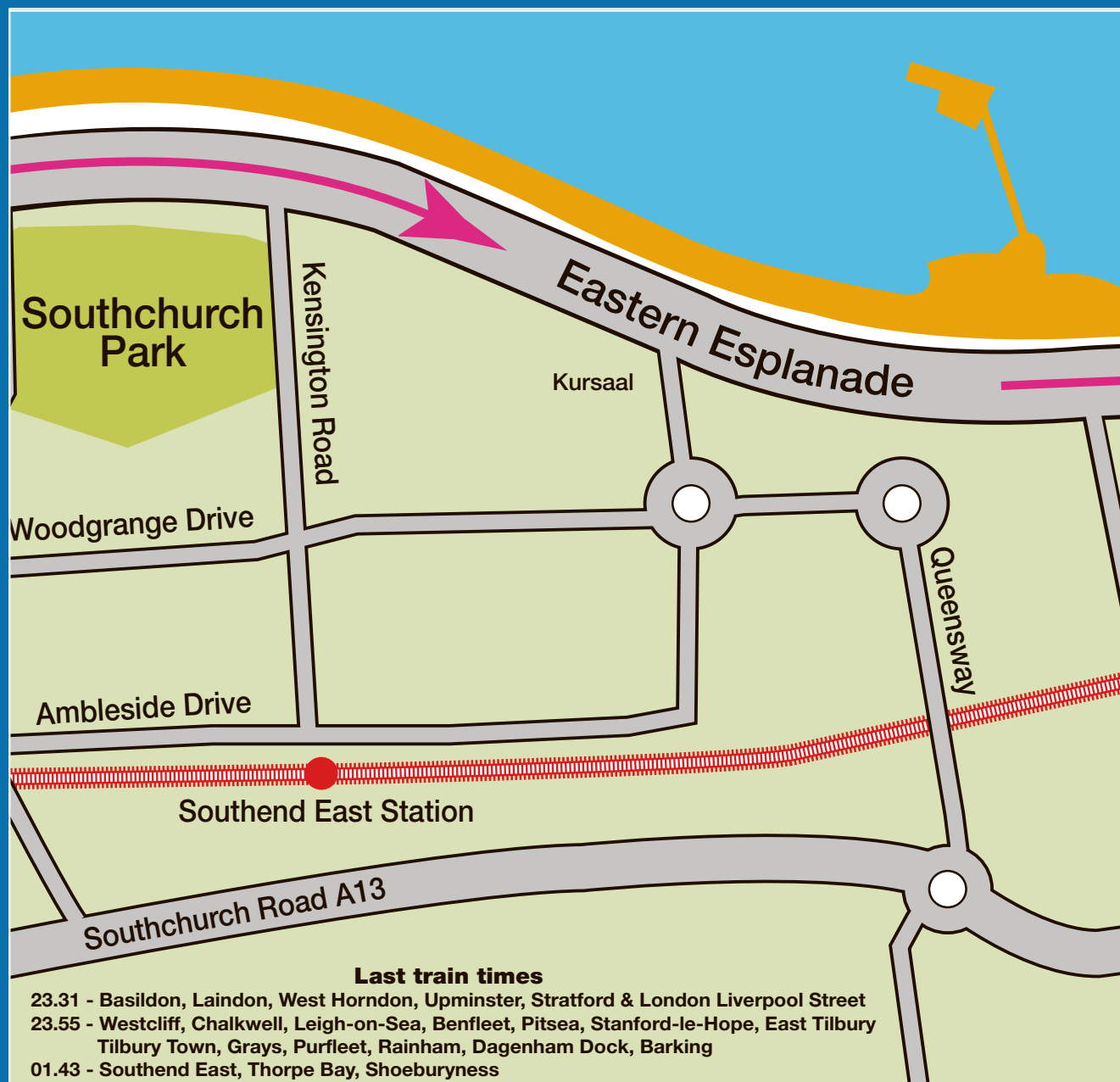
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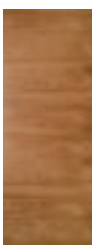
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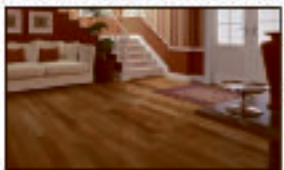
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CHECKS: The Benfleet Tandoori

Illegal workers at curry house

Premises licence revoked for staff breach

POLICE are appealing for information about illegal workers after a Benfleet restaurant had its licence revoked.

The Benfleet Tandoori, on High Street, had its premises licence revoked by Castle Point Council's licensing committee earlier this month at a hearing where it was revealed that the licensee had not carried out right to work checks.

Immigration Enforcement officers and Essex Police visited the restaurant on June 8.

Essex Police said "intelligence" suggested there were people working illegally on the premises. Officers found five men from Bangladesh, who were working illegally in either the kitchen or as waiters.

Police county licensing officer Stephen Sparrow presented the case at the August 3 hearing, and was supported there by an immigration officer.

He said: "Right to work checks must be carried out if employing foreign nationals.

"If in doubt, check with your local licensing officer or visit the government's website, which

gives very clear guidance. We work closely with Immigration Enforcement in Essex and are building ever stronger links with our colleagues in neighbouring county forces too."

Three men at the Benfleet Tandoori were escorted from the premises by immigration officers while another two men were arrested under the Immigration Act 1971, as they had no permission to be in the UK.

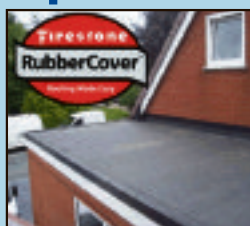
One departed the UK voluntarily on August 13 and the other is in immigration detention, pending his removal from the country.

A Castle Point Council spokeswoman said no appeal had been made against the decision to revoke the licence and that no application had been made for a new licence.

The Benfleet Tandoori had not given a response to the YA at the time of going to press.

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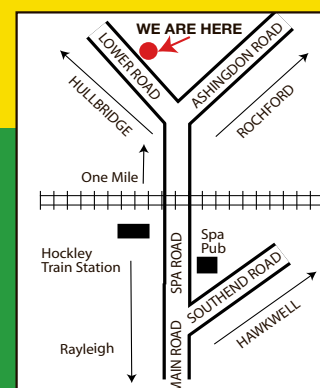
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READERS' LETTERS

Home Office to blame, not ECHR

IT appears from his latest mis-sive that Alan Jasper (*YA, Letters*, August 4) has at least tried to understand the difference between the European Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights.

However, that hasn't stopped him from falling for the biggest error the anti-ECHR brigade make.

The ECHR does not stop us from deporting terrorists, Home Office cock-ups do that.

We may need to seek assurances that a deportee will not be subjected to torture or the death penalty but that is what puts us above the terrorists, not sees us stoop to their level.

There have been many out-right lies told about the convention, none more infamous than that told by Theresa May in her speech to the 2011 Conservative Conference.

If you want to blame a Prime Minister for getting us embroiled in those awful protections that we have against governments that would want to restrict our right to life, privacy, a fair trial, and protection from slavery and torture, he needs to blame Winston Churchill not Tony Blair.

The Human Rights Act 1998 passed by the Labour Government simply ensures that UK courts apply the convention in the same way as Strasbourg.

Ironically the major impact of repealing the act will be

that more cases are ruled on in France rather than the Supreme Court in London.

Only a government with nefarious intentions would ask its populace to give up its human rights and only a fool would agree to it.

PS: The European Court of Auditors has signed off and given a clean bill of health to the EU accounts for the last eight years.

But Alan shouldn't let facts get in the way of a good uninformed rant.

Paul Martin
Rayleigh

A moral obligation to do our bit

I QUITE agree unrestricted immigration should be controlled. A country should only take in the people it needs.

But what exactly do we mean by immigration?

If we're talking about illegal immigration, our border forces seem to be totally inadequate.

If we're talking about refugees, surely we have a moral obligation to take a fair share.

By far the largest portion of our immigrants come from the Commonwealth. That number can only increase as we increase our business with them.

As for Brexit, the main reason given for that was to control immigration from Europe - which will enable us to keep our Polish plumbers and builders, Lithuanian fruit and veg pickers, Romanian hotel

workers and eastern European doctors and nurses.

In other words, the people we most desperately need and the last ones we want to keep out.

If we wish to replace the skilled workers with English people it would take time to train them. As for unskilled workers, English people would demand minimum wage, travel and living expenses, proper conditions, nine to five, five days a week.

Farmers voted en masse for Brexit. What were they thinking?

Paul Devine
Westcliff

Need for cuts still exists

I WELCOME Conservative U-turns on the NHS and their warm words as regards to accident and emergency provision at Southend University Hospital.

This is too important an issue to ignore any support, even those joining at the eleventh hour. However, I warn against complacency as the plans to downgrade A&E provision in Southend were in response to budgetary pressures, and the need to make cuts is still there.

The government is intent on continuing its austerity agenda, an agenda that has run for seven years so far. This agenda sees pain for public services and for those who depend on them. It means that the hospital has to make some enormous cuts, and if A&E has been saved, is this at the cost

to some other service?

I have been involved in the Save Southend A&E since its inception, and proudly so, and I take some satisfaction from our apparent victory.

During the recent general election the battle to preserve this valuable local service featured in the campaigns of both local Labour candidates, of both myself and Ashley Dalton.

The Southend West Conservative candidate was forced, effectively, into signing our petition; whereas the Tory in Rochford and Southend East chose to defy his residents (and somehow then claim credit for saving Southend's A&E).

Of course, whilst Ashley and I led our respective campaigns and made our voters aware of what was going on, we were ably backed by an unsung army of activists and volunteers who helped spread the word.

Our success was their success too. The success also belongs to the people of Southend.

So, we cheer that we have had assurances about Southend's A&E, but we do not rest. We know that local public health-care is under attack from this Conservative Government, and they can only be stopped by the vigilance of campaigners and the public.

Julian Ware-Lane
Westcliff-on-Sea

Nuclear threat is very real

IT would be the easy option to remain complacent and believe that nuclear weapons will never be used, but I believe they will and likely within the next five years.

Previous world wars were started with the intention of gaining territory, but times have changed and the reasons for war have also changed.

We have two main players in power - one who wants to murder for the sake of it and one who wants to prevent this but does not how or when to act.

Consider the main players, Kim Jong-un has just one agenda - to build up his nuclear arsenal and attack the USA as soon as possible thereby triggering the mass murder of millions of people.

This he will do, not to gain territory as Hitler did, but due to his hatred for the western world. This is his sole aim in life and the sole aim of a large majority of the brainwashed generations of North Koreans.

Now consider Donald Trump with his massive ego.

He, like Kim Jong-un, will be hundreds of feet below the

surface when the buttons are pressed and because of his age has little to lose but much to gain.

He would not be adverse to going down in history as the first President to use intercontinental nuclear weapons to defend the USA, and to stop Kim Jong-un could be the excuse to do it.

Two very dangerous leaders during times when anything is possible is a recipe for a disaster that I hope will never happen even though I believe it will.

Looking on the bright side, this problem has given me for one something to think about instead of Brexit. Both are in the hands of world leaders that have shown that they can get it all wrong.

Keith Little
Benfleet

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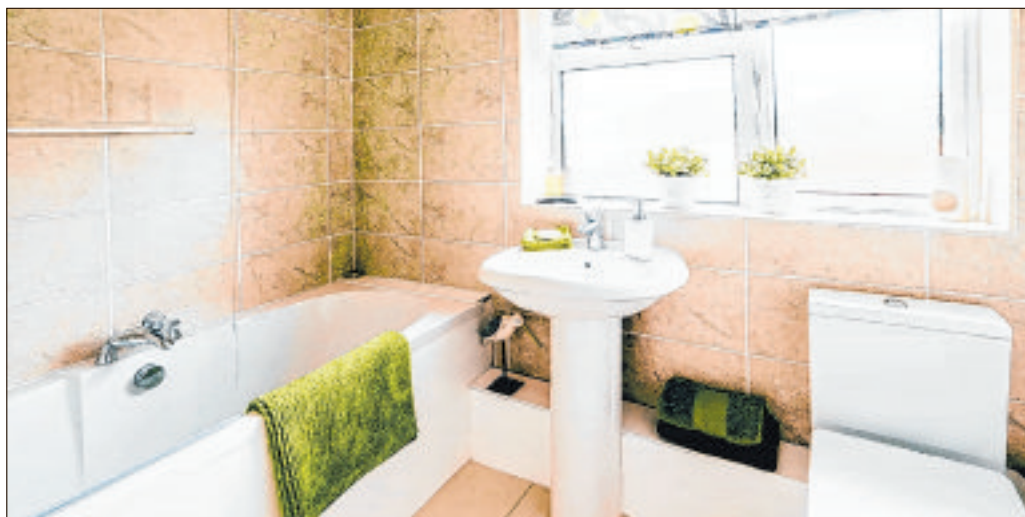
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JUKEBOX JIVE

By Liz Wade

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A FORMER Barking schoolgirl has hit the limelight after heading off on the 2017 tour of musical Dreamboats and Petticoats.

Gracie Johnson, who was born in Barking and went to Parkhill Juniors in Barking, had always wanted to perform and after years of studying, including receiving the Andrew Lloyd Webber Scholarship at the Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts, she is doing just that.

Now touring in Dreamboats and Petticoats, she plays the role of Donna in what she describes as "a jukebox musical". The tour includes several performances at Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, from August 29 to September 2.

It's 1961 and emotions are running high as young musicians, Norman and Bobby, compete to win a national songwriting competition and, more importantly, the attention of a gorgeous girl.

But, while Bobby may have had his sights set on Sue, he soon discovers that shy Laura is no slouch on the piano, and love and rock 'n' roll fame beckons.

"I play Donna," Gracie said. "She's best friends with Sue. She is bubbly and tries to come out with one-liners. She has her own side story with Ray. It is quite a fun part."

"It's a 1950s/60s rock 'n' roll musical and it has all the classics that all the family can enjoy. It centres around a character called Bobby and a song contest. He enters the competition as he is looking to pursue his career."

"My part is the best friend of Sue. I'm kind of her sidekick."

Inspired by the smash-hit multi-million selling albums Dreamboats and Petticoats One, Two, Three, Four and Five, the West End sell-out sensation, Dreamboats and Petticoats The Musical, features some of the greatest hit songs of the rock 'n' roll era.

Featuring classic tracks from Roy Orbison,

The Shadows, Eddie Cochran, Billy Fury, and many more including Let's Dance, To Know Him Is To Love Him, Shaking All Over, Bobby's Girl, Little Town Flirt, Only Sixteen, Runaround Sue, Happy Birthday Sweet 16, Let It Be Me, Great Pretender, C'Mon Everybody, Let's Twist Again and many more, it is a toe-tapping musical from start to finish.

Gracie, who has

and Ray, and the other lead role.

"It's my first tour. I've been auditioning since leaving drama school," adds Gracie, who is enjoying being on the road.

"You get used to it. It's nice to make some friendships along the way. I have also got the chance to see so many places. Audiences have also been brilliant."

Gracie, who has recorded the vocals of Elsa for Snow Queen On Ice and the title

a Saturday. I've always had a passion for it [performing] and studied it at college. My mum used to be a dancer, but I don't think I have her moves."

When the tour is due to end in October, Gracie says she will be back to auditioning for television or a play, and she is quite open to either.

But, if her performance in her first tour is anything to go by, she is sure to be spotted, just like she was by the The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation, which funds musical theatre

lived in Colchester for the past 12 years, says

PETTICOATS: L-r Gracie Johnson, Laura Darton and Elizabeth Carter

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for the role of Donna is like going into the unknown.

"The audition process is more nerve-racking, when you don't know the character. Once you know your character you get used to it," she said. "The opening night is a bit... ooh! Will they like it?"

Her favourite part she says is a song she sings with Laura Darton, who plays Sue.

"It's a song called Sweet Nothin'. The scene is set in the Tunnel of Love at Southend in the fairground and it features me and Sue

role of Cinderella for Alexandra Palace, since graduating, and most recently appeared in a commercial for Meteor directed by David Kerr, said: "It's my first theatre role. I filmed an advert just before Christmas. I would love to do more similar things."

"I like all the old classics like Oliver! and West Side Story, they are my favourite types. I would love to play Nancy in Oliver! I do love the classics, Sweeney Todd is another one."

"I grew up in Redbridge and went to school at Parkhill Juniors, then moved to Colchester to the other side of Essex."

"I went to Sylvia Young Theatre School on

ships at renowned musical theatre colleges throughout the UK.

"I received DaDa (Dance and Drama Awards) funding and 20 of the best students are put up for the scholarship. Getting the Andrew Lloyd Webber

Scholarship is something I am really thankful for."

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THE DARK TOWER (12A, 95 mins)

BASED on Stephen King's compelling series of fantasy novels, *The Dark Tower* illuminates a titanic battle between good and evil in parallel universes, seen through the eyes of a conflicted 11-year-old boy.

Director Nikolaj Arcel's eagerly anticipated film has been plagued with widely publicised setbacks during production, including repeated polishes of the script and reshoots.

All of those beads of sweat and blood-tinged tears have delivered a muddled odyssey that reduces King's cataclysmic magnum opus to an uninvolved hybrid of *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent*.

A sprightly running time leaves no room for character development, and the emaciated script fails to make explicit the stakes or repercussions for the young hero as he blunders through thrill-starved set-pieces including a showdown with a computer-generated scorpion-like predator.

Idris Elba is squandered as the last in a proud line of gun-

slingers, who has been raised to keep the darkness at bay and joins the boy on his quest.

Oscar winner Matthew McConaughey manages to put a little flesh and diabolical charm on the bones of his antagonist, dispatching powerless victims with a cursory growl: "Stop breathing".

There isn't a single moment in Arcel's picture that compels us to hold our breath.

Jake Chambers (Tom Taylor) is traumatised by the death of his firefighter father (Karl Thanning).

His mother Laurie (Katheryn Winnick) and unsympathetic stepfather Lon (Nicholas Pauling) send him for counselling with psychiatrist Dr Hotchkiss (Jose Zuniga), who listens intently to Jake's descriptions of nightly visions about an alien world where a lone gunslinger readies his pistol against a menacing man in black.

The shrink dismisses Jake's nightmares as manifestations of his grief.

Lon grows weary of the boy's erratic behaviour and insists Jake attend an upstate facility, which specialises in treating troubled youth.

Instead, Jake flees to an abandoned house from his dreams.

Inside, he discovers a portal to a post-apocalyptic realm called Mid-World where a mysterious man named Roland Deschain (Elba) hankers for revenge against evil sorcerer Walter Padick (McConaughey), who intends to destroy a tower at the centre of universe that protects us from malevolent forces.

Each assault on the monolith produces tremors in Mid-World and on Earth.

"What happens in one world echoes in others," warns Roland, who surmises that Jake's visions are evidence of burgeoning psychic abilities – "the shine".

The *Dark Tower* fails to shift out of first gear as director Arcel chugs through a confused mythology and dilutes jolts of terror in order to secure a 12A certificate.

A solid performance from rising star Taylor cannot distract attention from the painfully disjointed narrative and an absence of suspense.

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■ Dance Class – usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
■ Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call 01268 727915.
■ Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
■ Counselling Service – Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
■ Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
■ Duplicate Bridge – Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call 01702 343611 or 01702 520993.
■ Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
■ Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
■ Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
■ Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
■ Short Mat Bowls, Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
■ Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Play 01268 777068.
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■ Senior Citizens Club – Ghylgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
■ Pensioners stall – York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
■ Evening of clairvoyance – 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS8 7TT. 3pm, £3 all profits to charity. Tel: 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.
■ Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, understanding of spiritual healing and

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■ Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
■ Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
■ Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
■ IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.
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■ Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
■ Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
■ Social Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall, 01702 546219/542349.
■ Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
■ Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library), 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Ave, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.
■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players – James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text 07952 043456.
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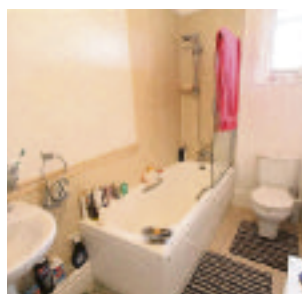
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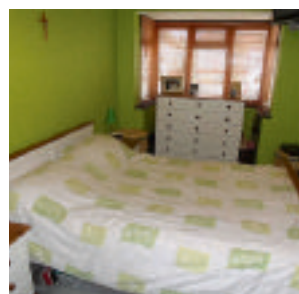
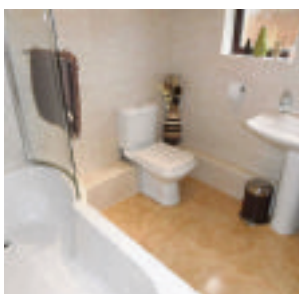
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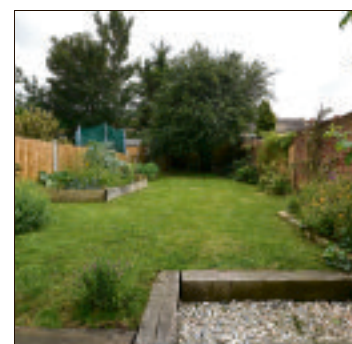
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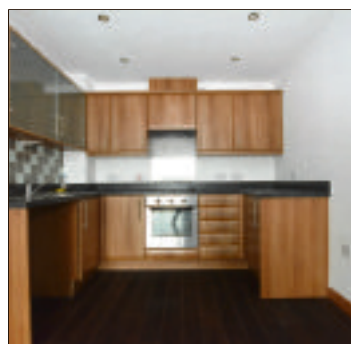
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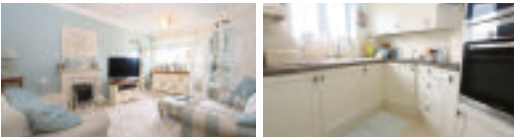
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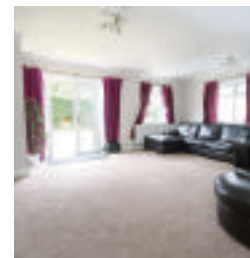
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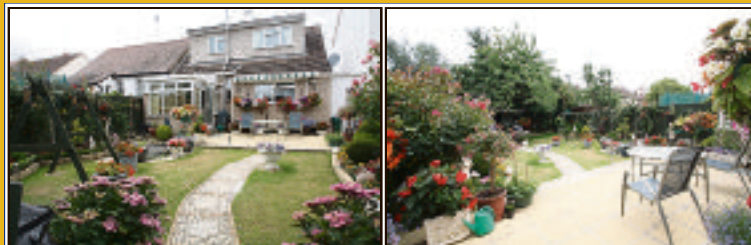
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LEIGH-ON-SEA £435,000

Family house situated on the sought after Highlands Estate within the Westleigh School catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station. The stunning accommodation comprises three bedrooms with a superb top floor master bedroom suite and Juliet balcony, delightful lounge and huge open plan 23'6 x 16' kitchen / dining room / conservatory opening onto the lovely 60' garden with summerhouse. Ref etl5577



3 BEDROOM, 2 BATHROOM CHALET, WESTCLIFF £349,995

Internal viewing is absolutely essential to fully appreciate this most spacious and beautifully presented semi-detached chalet bungalow with a stunning rear garden situated in this popular location close to local amenities. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, spacious lounge, separate dining room, conservatory, 13' x 10'6 fitted kitchen, wonderful garden, in and out driveway. Ref etl5597

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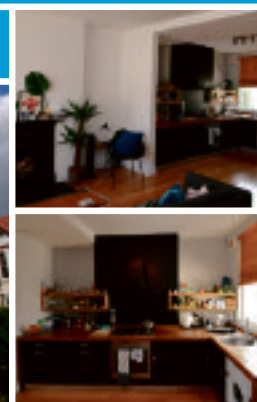
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Meteor Road, £1,095 pcm

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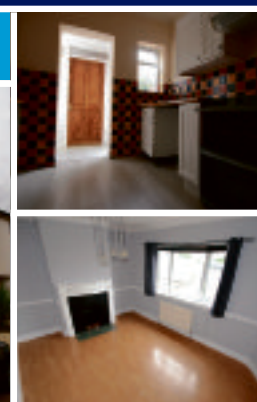

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Rayleigh Guide Price £450,000 - £475,000

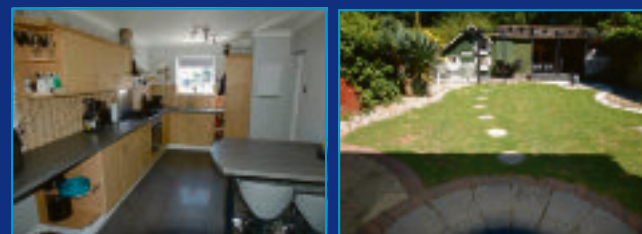
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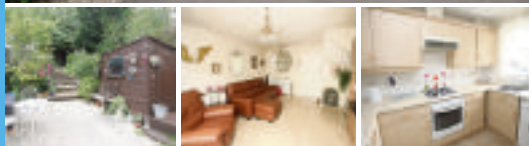
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Grosvenor Road, Rayleigh



Situated in a quiet cul de sac and a sought after location is this spacious two bedroom house. The property benefits from two double bedrooms, rear conservatory, ground floor cloakroom and off street parking for two vehicles. Within easy reach of local amenities. OFFERED WITH NO ONWARD CHAIN. Our Ref: 14486.

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£280,000

Ferry Road, Hullbridge



Situated in a central position within Hullbridge and close walking distance to local shops, school and River Crouch is this deceptively spacious three/four semi-detached chalet benefiting from having a rear garden measuring approximately 80ft and own driveway providing off-street parking. Internal viewing recommended. Our Ref 13867

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EPC Rating: TBC
£325,000

Beaches Close, Hockley



Located in a cul de sac position is this extended three bedroom semi detached chalet with the benefit of two reception rooms, ground floor bathroom, off street parking and rear garden. The property is located in a convenient location for local shops and schools. Our Ref: 14388.

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EPC Rating: D
£360,000

Wren Avenue, Leigh-On-Sea



A two/three bedroom semi-detached chalet conveniently located for local shops and schools and benefits from having own driveway providing off-street parking. Internal viewing recommended. Our Ref 14482

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£325,000

Leigh Beck Road, Canvey Island

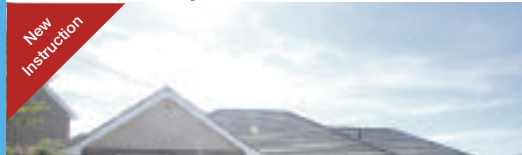


A spacious two bedroom semi-detached bungalow occupies a bold corner plot and is situated in the popular Leigh Beck area of Canvey, within easy reach of local shops. The property benefits from having two double bedrooms, conservatory and offers the potential to extend subject to normal planning consents. Our ref: 12033

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£230,000

Zandi Road, Canvey Island



An immaculate four bedroom detached bungalow with spacious kitchen/diner; utility room; two en-suites; family room; swimming pool and 78' wide driveway providing off-street parking for several vehicles. Close to sea-front and local amenities. Viewing strong advised. Our Ref: 10280

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EPC Rating: D
£475,000

Parkstone Avenue, Thundersley



Immaculate three bedroom home situated within short walking distance of the OFSTED outstanding King John School. The property is double glazed and has gas radiator heating, lounge measuring 15' 10" x 10' 9" and kitchen/breakfast room measuring 15' 9" x 13' 9". Approx. 50' rear garden and garage in nearby block. Our ref: 12042

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£285,000

Parkstone Avenue, Thundersley



Two bedroom character end terraced property is situated in a quiet Thundersley road, within catchment for the OFSTED outstanding King John School. Fitted kitchen; two reception rooms; two double bedrooms; approx. 75' rear garden. Potential for extension on a single storey basis subject to usual planning consents. Our ref: 12027

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£270,000

Clarence Road North, South Benfleet



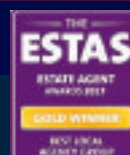
An extended three bedroom semi-detached family home situated in a sought after location, within walking distance of OFSTED outstanding schools. The accommodation includes a lounge measuring 24' x 10' 10" max. and dining room/family room measuring 17' 10" x 7' 10", and a 100' garden backing woodland. Our ref: 11977

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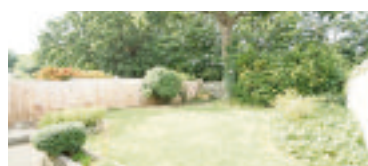
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Hyundai's eye-catching hybrid

By Patrick James

ONCE it was the domain of Toyota with the world's first hybrid car which became a favourite with the eco-friendly from Notting Hill to Sunset Boulevard.

Now, most auto manufacturers are producing hybrids, plug-in hybrids and full electric vehicles, popping up all over the place well ahead of the proposed ban on the sale of petrol and diesel cars in the UK by 2040.

Korean manufacturers, in the case of Hyundai, are getting in on the act with the all-new IONIQ.

The IONIQ line-up consists of the hybrid, the electric and the plug-in hybrid offering zero emission technology backed up with a peace of mind warranty of five years unlimited miles on the car and eight years or 125 miles on the lithium battery.

Hybrids nearly all look like mainstream cars these days as battery technology means they take up less space.

The 1.6-litre petrol engine in the Hyundai is supplemented by the battery/electric motor combina-

GREEN: Hyundai IONIQ Hybrid Premium SE



tion to produce combined power of 141ps.

Drive carefully and you're on electric power only, step on it and the pair work in tandem.

It really is an eye-catching looking motor with a coupe like silhouette.

Hyundai's signature hexagonal grille is flanked by wraparound projector headlamps and vertical C-shaped LED daytime running lights.

Door mirrors are colour coded and the whole look is offset by the novel-looking two-tone 17-inch alloy wheels on this model.

As blue means eco-friendly green for many car manufacturers, blue badging and accents also gives clues to the nature of the car.

Inside there is plenty of electronics and the fit and finish is as good as any European or Japanese competitors, with nice soft touch finish to dash and doors, neatly laid out controls and firm comfortable seats.

The multi-function steering wheel and auto gearbox shifter are leather trimmed and the whole interior has an executive feel.

High tech touches abound and the central touchscreen controls functions such as navigation, app connectivity, which include map updates and Apple CarPlay/Android Auto and TomTom live services, plus a quality sound system and manoeuvring camera, as well as showing how the battery/petrol engine combination is working together.

A TFT instrument cluster further displays all of the key driver information.

On the road the car handles well and rides comfortably.

FAST FACTS

Price: £23,995
Mechanical: 141ps, 1,580cc, four-cylinder petrol engine and electric motor driving front wheels via six-speed automatic gearbox
Max speed: 115mph
0-62mph: 11.1 seconds
Combined mpg: 70.6
Insurance group: 11
CO2 emissions: 93g/km
BiK rating: 17%
Warranty: five years/unlimited miles

It feels stable on corners and the steering is direct with good driver feedback.

Available are an array of airbags, stability control autonomous emergency braking, lane assist, blind spot detect, rear cross traffic alert, smart cruise control and hill hold.

One of the new breed, the Hyundai certainly looks the part but delivers clean, green motoring as well. With prices starting at a shade over £20,000 and packed with kit, it is now no longer almost exclusively in the domain of the well-to-do.

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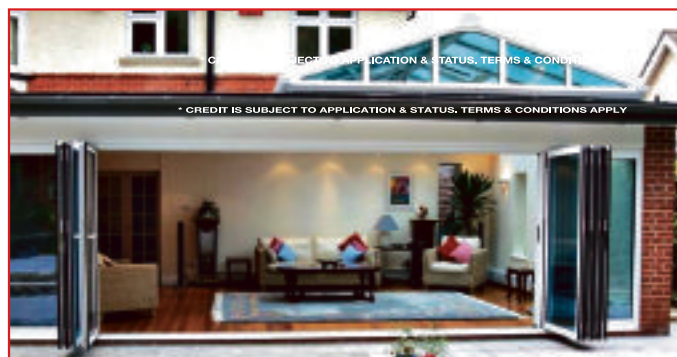
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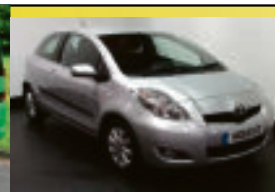
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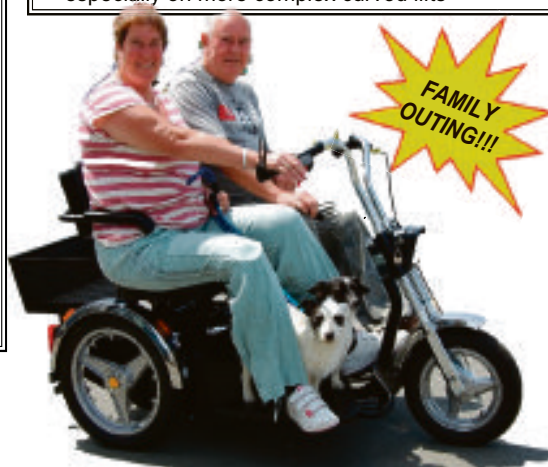
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